

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the April 28, 2010 Decision on Appeal (the "Decision") from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. At the time of the Decision, Claims 1-20 were pending in the application. The Decision affirms the Examiner's decision rejecting Claims 1-2, 4-11, and 13-20 and reverses the Examiner's decision rejecting Claims 3 and 12. Applicants amend Claims 1, 4, 10, 13, 16, and 20 and cancel Claims 2, 3, 11, 12, and 17. Applicants respectfully request favorable action in this case.

Section 103 Rejections

The Examiner had rejected Claims 3 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,598,187 to Ide ("Ide") in view of WO 01/86920 to Lapidot ("Lapidot"). The Decision reverses these rejections. As a result, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments to Claims 1, 10, 16, 20 presented herein. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to recite elements previously recited in Claims 3 and 12, respectively. Claims 16 and 20 have been amended to recite similar elements. Applicants thus respectfully request allowance of Claims 1, 10, 16, and 20 and all claims depending therefrom.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place the Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of the Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicants believe that no filing fee is due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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